

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	BSc (Hons) Criminology
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	None
Credit Structure ²	

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Criminology students will be able to critically engage with national and international dimensions of crime and criminal justice policy, and develop well informed views on contested public issues. There is a strong emphasis on challenging “common-sense notions of criminal and deviant behaviours by critically examining academic research and making informed decisions based on available evidence. To this end, students will be introduced to a variety of research methods and ethical considerations, so that they can challenge and understand the limitations and ambiguities of empirical research, whilst assessing its value. This will provide an excellent theoretical and practical platform for the completion of a third year independent project in an area of personal or career interest.

Course Aims

- To develop students' knowledge, critical understanding and skills in Criminology
- To cultivate a questioning and critical approach to the understanding of human behaviour and society.
- To encourage cognitive development and autonomous learning.
- To develop subject specific, cognitive and key transferable skills of value in employment, further study and personal development.
- To provide opportunities that facilitate widening participation by local/non-standard entrants to study criminology

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the BSc (Hons) Criminology course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 6 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).⁶

On successful completion of the requirements for an Honours degree, students will be able to:

1. Show coherent and detailed knowledge of key aspects of Criminology at least some of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of defined aspects of Criminology.
2. Accurately deploy established techniques of analysis and enquiry relevant to Criminology.
3. Outline a conceptual understanding that enables you:
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	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁷
Level 4			
	Social Science Skills	20	R
	Introduction to Criminology	20	R

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The Optional Recovery modules are only available in the exceptional circumstances where a student must retrieve credits to ensure progression or where a standard optional module cannot be delivered.

Optional modules available in any year will be communicated to you prior to your enrolment to facilitate module choice. Some optional modules may not run in every year of study, and the availability of optional modules depends on the level of student demand, the availability of specialist staff and timetabling constraints. In addition, we regularly review our curriculum to ensure it is up-to-date, relevant, draws on the latest research and addresses contemporary issues. As a result, the modules we offer may change over the course of your degree.

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Criminology. Students who leave the course early may be eligible for an BSc Criminology on successful completion of 300 credits at Level 4 or above (including at least 180 credits at Level 5 or above and at least 60 credits at Level 6); a DipHE Criminology on successful completion of 240 credits including all mandatory modules at levels 4 and 5

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Student Group	Tuition Fees
Full-time UK	£9,250 per year
Part-time UK	Not applicable
Full-time EU/International	£15,090 per year
Part-time EU/International	Not applicable

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Students are likely to incur other costs for essential reading materials amounting to approximately £240 per year.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the